

**REMARKS**

These amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2006.

Claims 7, 9, 11, 13-14, and 16-19 are pending.

As directed by the Examiner, Applicants correct the Abstract to delete the extraneous language (MPEP 608.01(b)) and to amend the description to describe the presently claimed method.

The Examiner indicated that claims 7, 9, 11, 13-14, and 16-19 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Thus, the claims are rewritten as follows:

Claim 7 is amended to delete "to enhance the cement when it is admixed into a composition." Claim 7 is further amended to recite an active method step, to delete the phrase "said amines," and to describe weight solid amounts of the tetrahydroxyethylene diamine or derivative thereof and the alkanolamine which are based on cement weight solids. The term "s/s" is understood in the art to refer to "solids on solids," but is removed simply to avoid rejection. Claim 11 is similarly amended.

Claim 9 is amended to recite the cement powder composition produced by the method of claim 7.

Claim 16 is amended to insert the names of the compositions and to delete the phrase "total amines."

Claim 18 is amended to provide proper antecedent for the term "mill" and to delete the phrase "the incorporation."

Claim 19 is amended to delete the phrase "the incorporation."

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants believe that the rejection of claims 7, 9, 11, 13-14, and 16-19 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is now overcome and should be withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 7, 9, 11, 13-14, and 16-19 are in form for allowance, which is respectfully requested.



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